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SUBJECT: MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECT FOR ENERGY LEADERS

REF: STATE 165169 AND A-4842; CARACAS 6113

1. FOR TWO GRANTS ALLOTTED, POST HAS ACCEPTANCE FROM KEY OPINION LEADER FOR PERIOD SEPTEMBER 11 - 21, AND HAS BEEN ASSURED MINISTRY OF MINES DESIRES PARTICIPATE AND IS FORWARDING SOONEST NAME OF RESPONSIBLE MINISTRY OFFICIAL.

2. ANIBAL R. MARTINEZ, HIGHLY INFLUENTIAL COMMUNICATOR AS DEAN OF WRITERS ON VENEZUELAN PETROLEUM AFFAIRS. A PRACTICING GEOLOGIST, HE IS FREQUENT CONTRIBUTOR OF ARTICLES ON PETROLEUM ISSUES IN VENEZUELAN PRESS INCLUDING DAILY NEWSPAPER EL NACIONAL, EL FAROL MAGAZINE AND LA VERDAD, AND AUTHOR OF A RECENT SERIES ON THE STATUS OF THE VENEZUELAN OIL SERVICE CONTRACTS. POSTS INCLUDE SERVING AS VENEZUELAN MEMBER ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE WORLD PETROLEUM CONGRESSES; COORDINATOR OF THE COMMISSION ON OIL AND PETROCHEMICAL RESEARCH OF THE CONSEJO NACIONAL DE INVESTIGACIONES CIENTIFICAS Y TECNOLOGICAS (CONICIT). HE REPRESENTS PRIVATE SECTOR PETROLEUM INDUSTRY INTERESTS AS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE FRENTE NACIONAL PRO-UNCLASSIFIED

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DEFENSA DEL PETROLEO VENEZOLANO; MEMBER

PETROLEUM REVERSION COMMISSION AND ACTIVE ON THREE IMPORTANT SUB-COMMITTEES OF THIS COMMISSION. DEGREES IN GEOLOGY FROM UNIVERSIDAD CENTRAL DE VENEZUELA WITH AN M.S. IN GEOLOGY AND PETROLEUM ENGINEERING FROM STANFORD UNIVERSITY; FORMER POSITIONS INCLUDE PROFESSORSHIP AT UNIVERSIDAD DEL ZULIA (MARACAIBO) IN SUBSOIL METHODS; DIPLOMATIC POST IN BRAZIL AS ECONOMIC COUNSELOR WITH RANK OF MINISTER FOR OIL RELATIONS WITH BRAZIL, URUGUAY, AND ARGENTINA; SIX YEARS WITH OPEC AT GENEVA AND VIENNA AS CHIEF BOTH EXECUTIVE AND INFORMATION DEPARTMENTS; POSITIONS WITH CREOLE OIL COMPANY AND NEW JERSEY PRODUCTION RESEARCH. MARTINEZ IS AUTHOR OF NUMEROUS WORKS ON VENEZUELAN PETROLEUM, HOLDS MEMBERSHIPS IN VENEZUELAN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERS, SOCIETY OF GEOLOGISTS AND ASSOCIATION OF GEOLOGY, MINES AND PETROLEUM; THE NORTH AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PETROLEUM AND THE GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY; AND PETROLEUM INSTITUTES OF GREAT BRITAIN, BRAZIL AND IRAN. HE SPEAKS FLUENT ENGLISH. CLEARANCE HAS BEEN OBTAINED.

3. POST PLANS TO FUND GRANT COVERING FIRST-CLASS ROUNDTRIP INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL; \$40 PER DIEM FOR PERIOD SEPTEMBER 11-21, PLUS WHATEVER U.S. TRANSPORTATION PLANNED FOR PERIOD HE IS AVAILABLE. SIMILAR BENEFITS ARE PLANNED FOR MINISTRY OFFICIAL FOR ENTIRE PROJECT. MINISTRY OF MINES NOMINATION FOLLOWS SOONEST.
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